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FOR: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING DICHLOROPROPANOL FROM GLYCEROL, THE GLYCEROL COMING EVENTUALLY FROM THE CONVERSION OF ANIMAL FATS IN THE MANUFACTURE OF BIODIESEL

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND SUGGESTED RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows. For purposes of Restriction, Applicants provisionally elect, for examination purposes only, Invention I, encompassing claims 37-56, drawn to a process for producing dichloropropanol.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Support for the Amendments begin on page 11 of this response.

Suggested Restriction Requirement begins on page 12 of this paper.

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